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### ***Announcing the 2014-2015 Central Region Area 7 Venturing Vice-Presidents***

The Central Region Area 7 Venturing Committee is proud to announce the selection of Elise Sawa, Jacob Klein, and Madeline Menconi as the Area's 2014-2015 Venturing Vice-Presidents. Their terms will begin June 1, 2014 and continue through May 31, 2015.



Jacob Klein - VP of Administration

In the role of Vice-President of Administration, we are proud to announce the selection of Jacob Klein. Jacob is from Chicago Area Council and is a resident of Chicago, IL. He is a senior at Ogden International School and plans to attend the United States Naval Academy and study engineering.

Jacob is a member of his school's swimming and water polo teams, as well as a student ambassador. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and has participated in the City of Chicago and State of Illinois Science Fair Competitions. As a contributing member of his community, he is very proud to have earned the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for three consecutive years.

Jacob is an Eagle Scout with 10 palms and is one merit badge short of earning every one offered by the Boy Scouts of America. He is the President of Crew #29, OA Vice-Chief for the Owasippe Lodge, and has earned his Venturing Bronze, Gold, and Silver Awards. In addition, he has earned the Ranger Award, Arrow of Light, Religious Award, James E. West, and Venturing Super Nova Awards.



Madeline Menconi - VP of Administration

In the role of Vice-President of Communication, we are proud to announce the selection of Madeline Menconi. Madeline is from Three Fires Council and is a resident of Aurora, IL. She currently attends the College of DuPage, and intends to transfer to Illinois State University. She would like to pursue a degree in technology and engineering education.

Outside of Venturing, Madeline enjoys participating in beauty pageants, modeling, engineering and architecture competitions, acting, outdoor activities, gardening, and staying active in her Church. While she calls herself equal parts "girly-girl" and "tom boy", she is extremely proud to state that she is the reigning Miss Teen Illinois Elite USA! Another activity that Madeline loves to participate in is snorkeling. Fun fact: She has been stung by a jelly fish 6 times near a shipwreck in Bermuda!

Madeline is the founding President of Crew #875 in Naperville, Illinois. She is currently working on the Venturing Bronze Award, and will begin her trek to the Summit Award very soon!



Elise Sawa - VP of Administration

Returning for a second year in the role of Vice-President of Program, we are proud to announce the selection of

Elise Sawa. Elise is the very first Area officer from Chicago Area Council and is a resident of Palos Park, IL. She has graduated from Sandburg High School in Orland Park, IL, and is attending Moraine Valley College, seeking a degree in Fire Science. Upon completion, she would like to continue her education at Southern Illinois University, seeking another degree in Environmental Engineering. Her ultimate goal is to be a forest firefighter and environmental engineer. Outside of academics, Elise has earned multiple leadership awards as a member of her youth group, track team, and student government. She is a licensed EMT, and has the honor of delivering a baby.

Elise is a past President of Crew #2699 and Crew #418. Elise is currently the President of Crew #422 in Oak Forest. Elise has earned a Venturing Bronze award, and has also completed the High Adventure Triple Crown

Award, by attending Philmont, Florida Seabase, and Northern Tier.

Elise received the Area Venturing Leadership Award in March of 2014.

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